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Dear Reader:

The Tuscarora Field Office has prepared a preliminary environmental assessment (EA) titled "North Elko Pipeline Project" to analyze the impacts of a proposal to construct and operate an underground natural gas pipeline on public and private lands located in Elko and Eureka Counties. The proposed project would involve burying a 12-inch diameter pipe along a 24.2 +/- route to deliver natural gas from the Ruby Pipeline to the Barrick Goldstrike Mine, as illustrated on the enclosed map. The proposed pipeline right-of-way would be 80 feet wide on public lands and 75 feet wide on private lands during construction, and 30 feet wide and 15 feet wide, respectively, after construction is complete. A "no action" alternative is also under consideration.

The preliminary EA is available for viewing online on the BLM Elko District's website: on.doi.gov/elkoBLM. On the homepage, scroll down to "Links of Interest" and click on the link for NEPA, Projects under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review. This will take you to the Elko NEPA Site. The link to the "North Elko Pipeline Project" will be found in the Environmental Analysis section. The preliminary EA will be posted for a 30-day public review period. BLM will select the action(s) to be implemented and issue a decision when posting period ends on July 13, 2012.

If you have a comment on the preliminary EA, please mail it to my attention at the address provided above, or send it via e-mail to scraddock@blm.gov. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions concerning the information presented in the preliminary EA, or if you would like to request a hard copy or CD of the document, please contact Steve Craddock, Realty Specialist, via email at scraddock@blm.gov or by phone at (775) 753-0273.

Sincerely,

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